

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 07 December 2001
Name of applicant/court: New Zealand AIDS Foundation
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Heavy Duty
Other Known Titles: Not Stated
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: New Zealand AIDS Foundation
Author: New Zealand AIDS Foundation
Format: Booklet
Country of Origin: New Zealand
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The booklet entitled *Heavy Duty* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The classification is due to the booklet's treatment of matters of sex. The booklet is a publication of the New Zealand AIDS Foundation. The booklet explicitly depicts and describes sexual activity between men that might broadly be described as sadomasochistic, for the purpose of framing sexual health information in a pertinent and engaging manner for the target audience. The titillatory effect of the material is low to mild. The overall effect of the material is informative and non-judgemental, so as to provide men with information to assist them in their sexual decision-making rather than prescriptive codes of behaviour. Some of the material has a politicised tone, and is intended to raise reader awareness of broader issues related to HIV infection and the ongoing health crisis for gay men.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 as they relate to this publication. Given the explicit sexual content and the purpose for which it is intended to be used, the restriction on the availability of the publication is considered to be reasonable and demonstrably justifiable.

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